

Newsletter 3 – Autumn 1



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
Together We Learn • Together We Achieve

This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Advanced Notice:	Quadkids Athletics at Ruskin High School-Tuesday 3 rd October	
Polite Notice:	Please note the school office opens at 8.30am each morning and is manned until 4.30pm. Before and after these times, there will be no access to the Main Reception area.	

We are Brilliant Winners

EYFS:

KS1: Harley (1A), Sophie (1B), Lena (2B)

KS2: Kayden (3A)

Evalyn (3B)

Chloe (5A)

Isabella (5B)

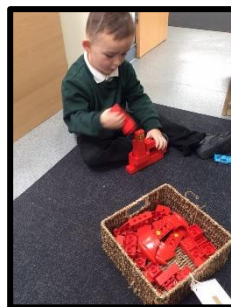
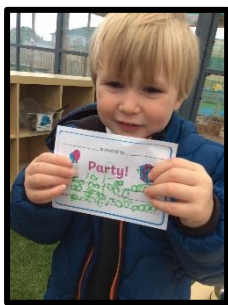
The Hub

During our Science and Technology lesson this week, the children got to work with a little robot. The robot has a sensor underneath which it uses light to detect dark lines on white paper and follow them. The children had lots of fun experimenting with 2D shapes, numbers letters and abstract doodles to see which the robot was or wasn't able to detect and follow.



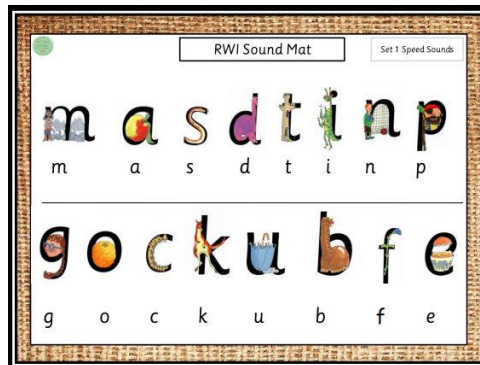
Nursery

Nursery have had another great week settling in. We have explored the colour red and recognised it around our provision by going on colour hunts and sorting objects by colour. We have also been celebrating lots of birthdays by making playdough cupcakes and singing happy birthday to each other.



Reception

Reception have had a brilliant week 3! We have begun to explore our phonics and number learning, and have loved having a go and sharing what we know with our friends! In phonics, we have been looking at some initial speed sounds and pictures to match. In maths, we have been using our 'quick eyes' to subitise numbers to 3, and the number blocks have been helping us! We have also been practising mark making and have drawn some amazing pictures, including some self-portraits!



Year 1

As part of Year 1's topic 'All About Me', they have been learning what school life was like for their grandparents. They learnt the rules of a playground game called hopscotch and played it in their coloured teams.



Year 2

This week, Year 2 had a fantastic day at Thurstaston beach. They took part in lots of activities, such as mud-dipping, and found out all about the habitats and creatures that live there. We also made sand sculptures and found out about coastal features.



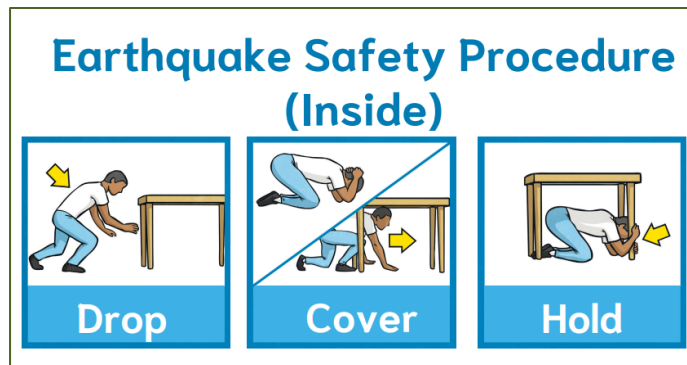
Year 3

This week, we had lots of fun using the magnifying glasses to investigate soil. We found that soil was made up of lots of different things.



Year 4

We have enjoyed exploring our new focus text in reading. It is all about Earthquakes, Volcanoes and tsunamis! To immerse ourselves in the topic, we even completed an earthquake drill. Even though we knew it wasn't really, we could understand how scary it would be!



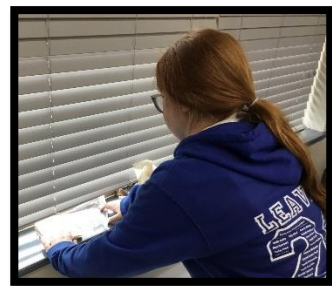
Year 5

In Year 5 this week, we have received our musical instruments: guitars and clarinets, which we have begun exploring in our first music lesson. Children who have a clarinet were practising their finger positions on a recorder in preparation for playing next week. Children who have a guitar were learning about the threads.



Year 6

This week in Science, Year 6 have been setting up an investigation in to mould! 6A are looking at what packaging will keep bread fresh for the longest and 6B are looking at the different locations for storing bread.



Did you know...

For every pupil registered for free school meals, your child's school received extra funding from the Government?

This could be up to **£1385** per child, per school, per year!

BETWEEN RECEPTION & YEAR 13,
YOUR CHILD MAY BE ENTITLED TO

**FREE SCHOOL
MEALS &
PUPIL PREMIUM**

Find out if you are eligible:
Visit www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/FSM
or call 0300 123 5012





**From now until Thursday 19th
October, we are collecting
non-perishable food as part of our
Harvest celebration. Please bring these into your
classroom.**

We are also collecting donations of money for
WaterAid, to provide clean water for those in
need.

Please join with us
and help us to help others.



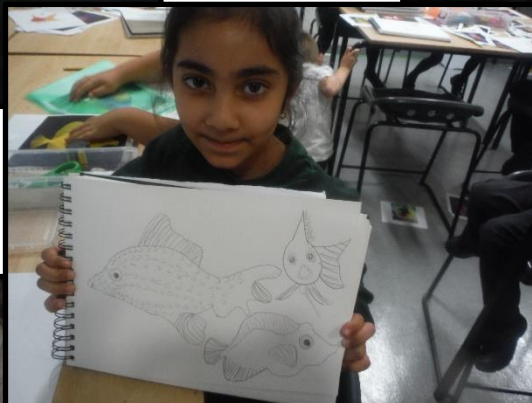
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Art News

Focus on Year 2

In Year 2 we have been using our observational skills to take notice of the various shapes and features of fish. We were really excited to try this after our trip to the beach this week and enjoyed creating sketches which will help us prepare for our final seaside mixed-media piece!



Well done Year 2!

Performing Arts News

Last week we had our first Soul Children rehearsal in school and after school for high-school students.

Children are still free to join from Year 4 up to Year 11. Please contact Mrs Walsh for any details and keep your children rehearsing at home 😊

REHEARSAL PLAN

Friday Lunchtimes

School Choir

(12pm—12:30pm Art Room)

Thursday Evening

Community Choir

(4:30pm—5:30pm—Art Room)

15th September

21st September

22nd September

28th September

29th September

5th October

6th October

12th October

13th October

All are welcome from Year 4—Year 11—come and join the family!

Contact Mrs Walsh for details

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PE News

Next week is 'Walk to School Week', week commencing 25th September. We would love to see as many children as possible walking, cycling and travelling on their scooters to school. If you normally drive to school, what about parking a bit further away from school this week and walking part of the way?



For every day your child is active travelling to school this week and next week they will receive an achievement mark on Arbor, which you will be able to see on your school gateway.

Remember to leave your bikes and scooters by the bike shed at the front of the school!

School will not accept any responsibility for bikes which are left unlocked.



Reading News

Talking to your children about the books they read is one of the best ways to support your child's development. Here are some tips on how to start a book discussion with your child:

Before your child reads a book, ask:

- Why did you choose this book?
- What makes you think this book is going to be interesting?
- What do you think the book is going to be about?
- Does this book remind you of anything else you've already read or seen?
- What kind of characters do you think will be in the book?
- What do you think is going to happen?



Chat to a Specialist
Speech and Language
Therapist



Receive useful tips
on what you can do
to help your child at
home, tailored to their
unique needs

Talking Walk-in

Tuesday 12th September	Oakencloough Stay & Play	10-11am
Thursday 21st September	The Brooks Stay & Play	10-11.30am
Friday 29th September	Oak Tree Stay & Play	9.30-11am
Friday 29th September	Broken Cross Stay & Play	10-11am
Friday 6th October	Congleton Stay & Play	10-11am
Wednesday 11th October	Monks Coppenhall Stay & Play	1-2.30pm
Tuesday 17th October	Ash Grove Toddlers Together	1.30-2.30pm
Wednesday 18th October	Sandbach Stay & Play	10-11.30am

Find out more about how to support your child's speech and language development - www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/cheshireeastchatters



Cheshire East Chatters

Attendance

Wk 11.09.23 – 15.09.23

Target 96%

Reception A – 94.4%

Reception B – 97.1%

1A – 97.6%

1B – 99.6% 😊

2A – 98.3%

2B – 97.6%



KS1 Attendance for last week - 97.5% 😊

Whole school attendance for the academic year – 96.9% 😊

Attendance

Wk - 11.09.23 – 15.09.23

Target 96%

3A = 91.4%

3B = 98.7%

4A = 98.6%

4B = 96%

5A = 96.7%

5B = 97.2%

6A = 99.2% 😊

6B = 96.9%



KS2 for the week = 96.8% 😊

Whole school attendance for the academic year – 96.9% 😊



ICON Week 2023
25 to 29 September

Babies
cry...

...you
can
cope!

ICON Week 2023: Raising awareness of infant crying and how to cope.

About ICON

The idea for the ICON programme and the different interventions within it was conceived by Dr Suzanne Smith PhD following a Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Travel Fellowship to the USA and Canada in 2016 which included the study of effective interventions and research into the prevention of Abusive Head Trauma (AHT). Research suggests that some lose control when a baby's crying becomes too much. Some go on to shake a baby with devastating consequences.

Suzanne found that the most effective evidence-based programmes studied provide a simple message that supports parents/caregivers to cope with infant crying. Apart from preventing AHT, most people who have ever cared for a baby appreciate some advice about comforting a crying baby and coping when it goes on for a long time.

ICON is about helping people caring for babies cope with crying.

ICON stands for



per day.

Infant crying is normal! Every baby is different and crying can last between 1 to 5 hours



Comforting methods can sometimes sooth the baby and the crying will stop. Try gently rocking baby or singing a lullaby.



It's OK to walk away. Put babe somewhere safe and take some time out.



Never, ever shake or hurt a baby. It can cause lasting brain damage or death.

- Speak to someone if you need support such as family, friends, midwife, GP or health visitor.

- More information and a wealth of resources are available on the ICON Cope website – www.iconcope.org



Weaning Together

Our Weaning Together session guides you through this journey with everything you need to know. Our expert team will provide lots of helpful information about baby led weaning and tips to make it easier.

- **Sandbach Children's Centre**
Friday 15th September 10am
(no need to book, just turn up)
- **The Brooks Children's Centre**
Wednesday 20th September 10am
(no need to book, just turn up)
- **Virtual Weaning Together**
Friday 29th September 10am – 11
Book via QR code

Start for
Life





Our Library

Open Monday - Friday 9:00 - 4:30 at Sandbach, Oak Tree and Monks Coppenthal



Open Monday - Friday 9:00 - 4:30 at Oak Tree Family Hub is full of toys for children under 5 which you can borrow for free.



Sensory Rooms are available to book at Oak Tree Family Hub and Monks Coppenthal Children Centre



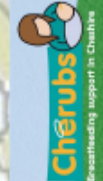
Information and support for parents / carers who are getting ready to wear their babies Sandbach - 15th September 10am
The Brooks - 20th September 10am (no need to book, just turn up)
Virtual weaning - 29th September 10am (book via eventbrite or QR code)



Overwhelmed by parenthood? SMILE sessions cover understanding perinatal mental illness, . Please contact - hello@thesmilegroup.org



This group is for children with additional needs and their parents. Suitable for children aged 0-11.



Helping breastfeeding mums, with support and information. Sessions held Mondays at Nantwich Children's Centre 12.30 to 2pm, Wednesdays at Monks Coppenthal Children's Centre 10am - 11.30 and Sandbach 1pm - 2.30pm. No need to book, just turn up.



South Locality September Activities

Oak Tree Family Hub
Newcastle Street, Crewe, CW1 3LF
01270 371250
oaktreefamilyhub@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Monks Coppenthal Children Centre
Remer Street, Crewe, CW1 4LY
01270 371240
mccadmin@cheshireeast.gov.uk

The Brooks Children Centre
Balmoral Avenue, Crewe, CW6PL
01270 371200

Sandbach Children Centre
Crewe Road, Sandbach, CW12 4NS
01270 371235
Sandbachchildrenscentre@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Nantwich Children Centre
Dog Lane, Nantwich, CW5 5GX
01270 375390

For babies 0 to walking, this is a relaxed, fun and interactive session with lots of singing and play. Booking not required for any centre.



If your child is aged walking and under 3 years. Once a month, a health professional will be in attendance. Booking not required for any centre.



For children aged up to 5 years old. The session will offer a range of activities for your child through play. Booking not required for any centre.



Concerned about your child's communication development?

Come and have a chat and get some tips from a Speech and Language therapist.



Thursday 21st September at The Brooks 10am - 11.30am
Friday 29th September at Oak Tree 9.30 - 11am

Stay, Play and Weigh at Oak Tree Family Hub only

For parents/carers with children aged up to 5 years old. The session will offer a range of activities for your child to learn through play. The sessions are relaxed and have a range of arts, messy play, stories, rhymes and provide the opportunity for you to chat to a Health Visitor and have your child weighed.



We are an Operation Encompass School

For further information, please come and see us.



Our school participates in a Police led initiative called Operation Encompass. This is a partnership between schools and the Police that helps schools to better support any child where a domestic incident has been reported to Police from their home.

Following a domestic incident, the Police will contact the child's school via telephone and secure email (usually the next day) and will communicate relevant information to nominated, fully-trained school staff. This will ensure that as a school, we are made aware early enough, to support children and young people in a way that means they feel safe, supported and listened to. It will also provide an opportunity for school to offer support to the whole family

Each school has two members of staff called key adults who are trained to liaise with the police, when required, whilst ensuring support is available to the child. These will be Dominique Griffiths, Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead, and Tina Brittain, Family Support Worker and Designated Safeguarding Lead.

The initiative was launched county-wide at the beginning of 2016. It is active in all Cheshire schools. You can find out more about Operation Encompass via the following site: <http://www.operationencompass.org/>.

If you would like to speak to someone further about the initiative, or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Tina Brittain: familysupport@wistastonacademytrust.co.uk

We are committed to working in partnership with local relevant organisations to keep children safe and to offer valuable support to all children across Cheshire.